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Dimension Builders  
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**LETTER OF DEFICIENCY**  
**#SP-2003-04**  
April 21, 2003

Ralph Edmunds  
953 Isaac Frye Hwy.  
Wilton, NH 03086

RE: DES Wetlands File #2003-00650 Intervale Rd, Wilton

Dear Dimension Builders / Mr. Edmunds

On April 10, 2003, personnel from the Department of Environmental Services ("DES") conducted an inspection of the above referenced property, identified as Wilton Tax Map F, Lot 42, Intervale Road, Wilton, New Hampshire, (the "Property"). The purpose of this site inspection was to determine compliance with RSA 483-B, The Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act ("CSPA"). During the inspection the following deficiencies were noted:

Erosion control measures were not properly installed.

2. Within the natural woodland buffer of the protected shoreland, a healthy, well-distributed stand of trees, saplings, shrubs and groundcovers was not left in place.

It was observed that a silt fence had been installed, but had not been treched-in at the bottom. The ground appeared to still be frozen in some areas, however the temperatures are expected to continue getting warmer.

The CSPA allows limited clearing of trees and other vegetation in order to facilitate building projects. This "building envelope" extends 25 feet from the footprint of construction. The area of clearing from the side of the new house facing the river was measured to extend 65' feet from the footprint of construction. DES requests that native saplings and other vegetation reflecting what had been removed be re-established beyond the 25 feet of the new house.

In response, you are requested to take the following actions:

1. Within 48 hours of receipt of this Letter of Deficiency, the entire silt fence should be treched-in.
2. Within 10 days of receipt of this Letter of Deficiency, submit photographs to DES showing that the silt fence has been treched-in.

3. Within 30 days of receipt of this Letter of Deficiency, submit a restoration plan to DES.

The restoration plan should include replacement of native and natural vegetation. Please submit the following with the restoration plan:

- a. A plan with dimensions, drawn to scale, showing;
  - i. existing conditions,
  - ii. proposed conditions after restoration with native vegetation
- b. A detailed description of the proposed means of erosion and sediment controls and stabilization of the restoration area;
- c. A detailed description of the proposed planting plan for the stabilization and revegetation of the restoration area. A plantings plan showing the number, type of plant species, and proposed location of plantings. Saplings should be a minimum of 4-6 feet in height and all plantings should be from the list of New Hampshire native and naturalized species. Saplings should be proposed in areas where trees were removed.
- d. A description of the proposed construction sequence and methods for accomplishing the restoration, and time frame for completion.

4. Implement the restoration plan only after receiving written approval and as conditioned by DES.

RSA 482-A, the New Hampshire Wetlands Law, was enacted to protect and preserve wetlands and surface waters from unregulated despoliation. Prior to dredging, filling, or construction in and adjacent to wetlands or surface waters, an individual is required to obtain a permit.

RSA 483-B, CSPA, was enacted to protect and preserve the shorelands of the State to maintain the integrity and exceptional quality of the State's public waters. RSA 483-B and Env-Ws 1400-1409 establishes minimum standards for the future subdivision, use, and development of the shorelands within 250 feet of the state's public waters.

Issuance of this letter shall not preclude further enforcement by DES. Failure to comply with RSA 482-A will result in enforcement by DES, including but not limited to the issuance of fines, administrative orders, or referral to the New Hampshire Office of the Attorney General for prosecution of civil or criminal penalties. If an order is issued to you, it may also be recorded with the Registry of Deeds as an encumbrance against your property.

DES personnel may conduct another inspection at a later date to determine whether you have come into and are maintaining full compliance with the applicable statute and rules.

All documents submitted in response to this Letter of Deficiency should be addressed as follows:

Allyson Gourley, Shoreland Compliance Coordinator  
Wetlands Bureau  
Department of Environmental Services  
6 Hazen Drive  
PO Box 95  
Concord, NH 03302-0095

Enclosed, for your information, are copies of fact sheets explaining the Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act, a copy of the Act, administrative rules Env-Ws 1400, and proper installation and maintenance of erosion control measures. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, or wish to arrange a meeting, please contact Allyson Gourley at (603) 271-6876, or e-mail at [agourley@des.state.nh.us](mailto:agourley@des.state.nh.us).

Sincerely,

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